

Remarks

Claims 10-27 and 29-35 are presented for reconsideration, with claims 10, 18, and 21 being the independent claims. Claims 10-11 and 13-27 are sought to be amended for clarity. Claim 28 is sought to be canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute similar or broader claims, with respect to the cancelled and amended claims, in the future. Claims 29-35 are sought to be added. These changes and additions introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

Based on the above amendment and the following remarks, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding rejections and that they be withdrawn.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 10-28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,757,920 to Misra *et al.* ("Misra") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,421,714 to Rai *et al.* ("Rai"). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

Although Applicants believe there are technical differences between claim 28 and the applied references, for other reasons, and in order to expedite prosecution, Applicants have cancelled claims 28, rendering its rejection moot.

Claims 10, 18, and 21 recite features that distinguish over the applied references. For example, claims 10, 18, and 21 recite, using respective language, preventing access to a first one of the first and the second server machine while the user is accessing a second one of the first and the second server machine.

Misra discloses logon certification to support disconnected operation within a distributed system and discloses that session keys are used to verify the credentials of clients as part of how the logon certificates are used. Misra discloses that these session keys are destroyed when the communication session between the two parties (e.g., a client and a server) ends. But Misra does not teach or suggest the distinguishing feature of claims 10, 18, and 21, as appears to be implied by the Examiner at page 3 of the Office Action. Rather, the Examiner states Rai teaches this feature.

Rai is used, in the portions stated by the Examiner in columns 6 and 8, to teach conventional handoff techniques for mobile end users who are traveling between areas having different base stations, such that new XTunnels are created and old XTunnels are deleted during the movement. As is known in this conventional technique, this requires that the mobile end user be coupled to at least two base stations at a time, the previous and subsequent, or the connection will be lost during the travel. This is in contrast to the distinguishing feature of *preventing access to* a first one of the first and the second server machines while the user is accessing a second one of the first and the second server machines, as recited using respective language in claims 10, 18, and 21. Therefore, since Rai cannot teach or suggest the distinguishing features of claims 10, 18, and 21, Rai cannot be used to cure the deficiencies of Misra.

Therefore, the applied references cannot be used to establish a prima facie case of obviousness for claims 10, 18, and 21.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejection, and find claims 10, 18, and 21 allowable over the applied references. Also, at least based on their respective dependencies to claims 10, 18, and

21, claims 11-17, 19-20, 22-27, and 29-35 should be found allowable over the applied references, as well as for their additional distinguishing features.

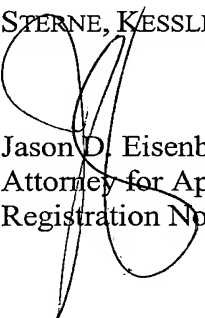
Conclusion

All of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicants believe that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment and Reply is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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